

27 as being unpatentable over Chiu et al. in view of Karnezos (U.S. 5,409,865) under 35 U.S.C.  
103(a) are not valid.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully  
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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